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PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.173(C).

Dear Examiner:

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review and approve pending Claims 1-9 submitted in the Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently herewith.

Applicant desires to correct an error in the patent which was made without any deceptive intention, where, as a result of the error, the patent is deemed partly inoperative by reason of the patentee including in Claim 1 the limitation "apparatus for continuously moving the nozzle in a substantially horizontal plane. . ." and by including in Claim 5 the limitation "continuously moving the nozzle in a substantially horizontal plane. . .". As will be apparent from the specification of the patent, applicant's invention includes apparatus for coating substantially the entire human body with a predetermined human skin coating material wherein the spray discharge nozzle is not moved.

Likewise, applicant's invention includes methods of coating substantially the entire human body with a predetermined human skin self tanning material wherein the discharge nozzle is not moved.

Newly present Claim 9 is similar in many respects to Claims 1 and 5 as discussed above. Claim 9 is similar to Claim 5 in that it is directed to the application of a human skin tanning material to substantially the entire human body. Claim 9 is similar to Claim 1 in that it contains substantially all of the limitations of original Claim 1 but excludes the nozzle moving requirement and the requirement of circulating air around the body of the person being coated.

Applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of pending Claims 1-9. Should it facilitate allowance of the reissue patent application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for applicant.

Respectfully submitted,



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